

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת אחרי מות-קדושים פרקי אבות פרק ג'

May 5, 2012

ב' אייר תשע"ב

ערב שבת פרשת אחרי מות-קדושים

מנחה 7:00

הדלקת נרות:

Shul accepts שבת 7:20

Actual time 7:39

שקיעה 7:57

שבת פרשת אחרי מות-קדושים

דף היומי 8:00

שחרית 8:45

סוף זמן ק"ש 9:21

פרקי אבות שיעור 5:25

הלכה שיעור** 6:15

מנחה 7:30

שקיעה 7:58

מעריב 8:40

Weekday Schedule:

שחרית 5/6-5/11

Sun 7:45

Mon Thurs 6:20,7:45

Tues,Weds,Fri 6:30,7:45

Sun-Thurs

מנחה-מעריב 7:50

Next Week:

שבת פרשת אמור

מנחה 7:00

הדלקת נרות:

Shul accepts שבת 7:20

Actual lighting time 7:46

שקיעה 8:04

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship

סעודת שלישיית is co-sponsored by Bert Sirote commemorating the yartzheit of his mother, Basha bas Shimon Nosson and by Yis Helprin commemorating the yartzheit of his mother, Devorah bas Shlomo Hachohen .

**Rabbi Gottlieb's Contemporary Halacha shiur for the upcoming weeks is "A special series on the evolution of halacha." The shiur takes place Shabbos afternoon 45 minutes before mincha.

We can't wait to see you! A great time and a great opportunity to support the shul in a fun, entertaining and "fulfilling" way! The Annual Bais Torah Dinner is THIS SUNDAY May 6 at the Crowne Plaza in Suffern. Join us as we honor Dr. Yehuda and Judi Eliezri, Aishes Chayil Awardee Sandra Thurm, Gabbai of the Year Simcha Friedman and a memorial tribute to Manny Frankel a"h. Reception at 6:00 PM, Mincha followed by the Dinner at 7:00 PM

Be inspired! Every week we present the Torah Conference Network featuring live shiurim: Rabbi Yissochor Frand Thursday nights at 9 PM -Rabbi Yisroel Reisman motza'ai Shabbos at 10:30PM

YOM YERUSHALAYIM Celebration Sunday, May 20, 2012 Community Synagogue of Monsey. Guest Speaker: Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, Dean Emeritus of RIETS, Yeshiva University

MAZAL TOV

Jossi and Sandy Lieder on the birth of a grandson born to their children Nechama and Yitzzy Tendler of Baltimore

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson-
יהונתן משה בן דבורה
טובה

Teddy Kallner- תודרוס בן
הינדא

Henry Shapiro- חיים מאיר
חיאל בן מלכה לאה

Manny London מנחם מונש בן
חנה פרידא

Bob Schore- חיים ראובן בן-
הענדל יהודית

Tova Eizik's grandson - שלמה
יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל

Leni Loebenstein - הילני בת-
רחל

Ben and Fran Horwitz's son in
law - יוסף חיים יששכר -
בן חיה משקט

Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה

Chana Mayerfeld- חנה פרומה
בת יהודית גיטל

Ed and Ruth Levi's son

אליהו בן שרה

Larry Seligson-
אריה לייב בן רבקה

Larry Seligson's son- רפאל
אפרים בן סימא פריעל

Felise Katz's father- חיים בן חנה

SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, l'zecher
nishmas Feigel bas Men-
achem Mendel, meets
Shabbos afternoon 30
minutes before Pirkei
Avos Shiur

Sunday:

6:30 AM Daf Yomi
Rabbi Avromy Fein

8:30 AM Gemara Miseches
Pesachim
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Sun-Thurs:

10:00 AM Daf Yomi
Rabbi Yosef Fischer

Mon-Friday

5:25 AM Daf Yomi I
Rabbi Avromy Fein

7:00 AM Daf Yomi II
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

8:25 AM Navi Shiur
Rabbi Yosef Fischer

9:45 AM Gemara Shiur
Rabbi Leibel Reznick

Wednesday

8:15 PM Navi Yechezkel
Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Thursday

8:00PM Women's Mish-
nayos class-Tumah and
Tahara
Dr. Debbie Raice Fox

Parshios Acharei Mos -Kedoshim

“Likhvod Yom Ha'Atzmaus” – Happy 64th Birthday, “Eretz Yisrael”

“Kedushah,” Holiness, is a thread running through the parashios that we read this Shabbat. The first reference is to the tragic deaths of Nadav and Avihu, sons of Aharon who, intoxicated with holiness, over-stepped the boundary between HaShem and humanity on the day of their inauguration as Priests, and were slain by HaShem as a consequence. As a counter-point, Parashas Acharei Mos then describes the activities of the High Priest in the Holy of Holies on the holiest day of the year, Yom Kippur, to secure atonement for the People of Israel.

The parashah contains a warning by HaShem not to behave according to the decadent moral standards of Egypt, that had been a world empire until the destruction of its society by ten monumental catastrophes, and the drowning of their army in the Sea of Reeds. Nor according to those of the Canaanite nations, which they would come to observe in the near future. Then a catalog of those moral failures in the sexual arena is presented.

Finally, the parashah puts forward a personification of the Holy Land, “Eretz Yisrael,” as capable of being rendered ritually unclean by such behavior, and of taking action against its immoral inhabitants. “*The Land became contaminated and I recalled its iniquity upon it; and the Land disgorged its inhabitants... For the inhabitants of the Land before you committed all the abominations described, and the Land became contaminated. Let not the Land disgorge you for having contaminated it, as it disgorged the nation that was before you.*” (Vayikra 18:25, 27-28) And Rashi cites Midrash Toras Kohanim regarding “a parable of a prince who was fed some disgusting food, which could not remain in his delicate digestive system, but he immediately vomited it out. So ‘Eretz Yisrael’ does not tolerate the presence within it of sinners...”

Parashas Kedoshim then provides examples of holy behaviors that the Jewish People is called upon to perform, reverent behavior towards one's parents and observance of the Shabbos, in order to emulate HaShem, “*You shall be holy, for I, your G-d, am holy.*” (VaYikra 19:2) And not to behave in an unholy manner – for you live in a holy place, “*Do not profane your daughter, to make her a harlot, lest the Land become lewd, and the Land become filled with depravity...*” (Vayikra 19:29) “*So I said to you, ‘You shall inherit their Land, and I will give it to you to inherit it, a Land flowing with milk and honey – I am HaShem, your G-d, Who has separated you from the other nations.’*” (Vayikra 20:24)

This also reminds us of the first Rashi in the Torah, which speaks to the legitimacy of our “claim” to the Land of Israel: “Rabbi Yitzchak said, ‘The Torah should have started with *This is your month...*’ (Shemos 12:2), which refers to the first Commandment that Israel was commanded; why then does it start with Bereshis? The reason is that which is stated in *Tehilim* (111:6), ‘*The strength of his deeds did He tell to His People, to give them the inheritance of the nations.*’ For if the nations of the world say to Israel, ‘You are robbers, for you conquered the lands of the seven nations,’ Israel can respond, ‘All of the earth belongs to the Holy One, Blessed is He. He created it and gave it to those who pleased Him. By His Will, He gave it to them, and by His Will, He took it from them and gave it to us.’ (Bereshis Rabbah 1:2)

Almost the entire world seems to be against us these days, but all we need is a “critical mass” of Jews, and the help of the Holy One. My father-in-law, a long-time strong supporter of Israel, recently spent time with my niece and nephew, who made Aliyah several years ago, and they both live, with their families, in Ramat Beit Shemesh. My father-in-law remarked that that town sounded like Monsey, what with all the English spoken by “Olim Chadashim.” To which I responded, “How wonderful that is! Americans who could have stayed home, and not uprooted their families, chose to go to Israel.” This is nothing less than a fulfillment before our eyes of “Aliyah B’Kommuniut,” Ascent to Eretz Yisrael out of free-will, standing tall, as the Jews left Egypt on the way to Sinai and the Promised Land of Israel.

L'Iluy Nishmas beni, Aharon Baruch Mordechai ben Pinchas Menachem

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